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ARRAY OF MICROPHONES

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A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the European Patent Office in corresponding European proceedings.

DE 29 48 847 discloses a hearing aid in the form of a behind-the-ear hearing apparatus that can be connected to a spectacles frame by means of an adaptor. Figure 1 shows a total view of an end portion of an arm of a pair of spectacles that is attached to such an adaptor. Figure 2 shows a bottom view of such an adaptor. Figure 3 is a side view of the adaptor seen from the left side, whereas Figure 4 is a side view

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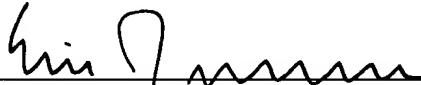
from the right side. Figure 5 shows a side view. The hearing aid is indicated with reference sign 4.

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